

Comparisons of Job Characteristics

Focus Occupation: Postal Service Mail Sorters, Processors, and Processing Machine Operators (43-5053)

Associated Occupation: Postal Service Mail Carriers (43-5052)

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 72

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Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Customer and Personal Service	11.3	11.7	7.2	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Public Safety and Security	6.9	8.7	6.2	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Transportation	4.6	6.5	2.5	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 85

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Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Operation and Control	5.4	5.2	6.1	>	Skill level is likely sufficient

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Abilities

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Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Oral Comprehension	12.5	10.3	8.8	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Oral Expression	12.4	10.1	9.2	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Control Precision	6.6	10.0	7.0	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Written Comprehension	11.0	9.4	8.9	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Manual Dexterity	6.5	9.1	9.4	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Near Vision	11.1	9.1	11.1	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient

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Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common

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Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity
Calculate monetary exchange	67
Distribute correspondence or mail	76
Insert mail into slots of mail rack	92
Inspect outgoing mail for conformance to standards or accuracy	92
Operate alpha or numeric mail sorting systems	92
Provide customer service	14
Sell products or services	69
Sort mail letters or packages	89
Use computers to enter, access or retrieve data	3
Use oral or written communication techniques	1

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: n/a

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Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Tools and technology data is unavailable for one or both occupations.	

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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